Raids conducted at the office premises of Voltas company and its distributors

1753. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a raid was recently conducted at the office premises of Voltas and its distributors all over the country for evasion of excise duty; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Searches were carried out in the air conditioning and refrigerating division of M/s Voltas Ltd. at their Head office at Bombay and at their branch offices at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras on 6.7.88 by the Officers of the Directorate of Anti-Evasion with the assistance of local central excise officers. Three of its associate concerns (two at Delhi and one at Madras) were also searched simultaneously. A number of incriminating records/documents have been seized. Investigations are in progress.

Action as per the law will be taken on completion of investigations.

Memorandum submitted by army officers and former civil servants on Punjab situation

1754. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a group of army officers and former civil servants who have formed a study circle has submitted a memorandum on Punjab situation to the Central Government as reported in the Hindustan Times of June 7, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A memorandum addressed to Prime Minister by Shri C. S. Jha, on behalf of an unofficial study group incorporating some suggestions on the Punjab situation, has been received. The suggestions are being examined by the Government.

राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम की कपड़ा मिलों को हो रहे घाटे

1755. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय वस्त्र निगम के अन्तर्गत कपड़ा मिलों को निरन्तर घाटे हो रहे है; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) पिछले वर्ष के अन्त तक उक्त कपड़ा मिलों के समूह द्वारा कुल कितना घाटा उठाया गय ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि पिछले तीन वर्षो के दौरान इन मिलों के कार्यकरण में सुधार करने के लिए कुछ प्रभावी उपाय किए गए थे ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री राम निवास मिर्धा) : (क) और (ख) 31 मार्च, 1988 तक एम० टी० सी० के अन्तर्गत मिलों द्वारा उठाया गया कुल सचयी घाटा लगभग 1330.63 करोड़ रुपये था ।

(ग) और (घ) मिलों के कार्य निष्पादन में सुधार लाने के लिए एन० टी० सी० में मिलों की विशिष्ट कार्य योजना तैयार की है । कार्य योजना अन्य बातों